

REMARKS

In the Office Action of a requirement for Restriction/Election mailed June 24, 2008, the application was characterized as containing the following groups of inventions:

Group I – Claims 1-7 and 16-24, drawn to a truncated thrombomodulin protein derivative;

Group II – Claims 8-12, drawn to a method of generating a purified truncated thrombomodulin derivative; and,

Group III – Claims 13-15, drawn to a method of site-specific PEGylation of a bioactive protein.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention described as **Group I**, corresponding to claims 1-7 and 16-24.

It is noted that the claims are not amended herewith. Applicants reserve the right to pursue, without prejudice, any subject matter including claim(s) as originally filed and/or otherwise set forth or described in this present application and/or in an earlier or other application(s) such as a priority application(s). No new matter is added.

It is believed that the present submission does not require the payment of any fees. If this is incorrect however, please charge any fees required, including any extensions of time required, to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,

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